

***Federal Program Helps Purchase Bulletproof Vests for Local Police Departments***

Washington, DC – Congressman John Adler today announced that the period for law enforcement agencies to apply for funding from the Department of Justice's Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program is now open. The application period runs through Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

"Our towns and cities are dealing with limited budgets, but we cannot afford to cut costs when it comes to life saving equipment for local law enforcement," Congressman John Adler said. "Our police officers risk their lives to help keep our families safe and they deserve their fair share of federal resources."

Since 1999, the BVP supported the purchase of an estimated 800,000 vests for local law enforcement. Last year, municipalities such as Cherry Hill, Harvey Cedars and Medford were able to take advantage of the program. Applications can be found online at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi).